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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Terry Callaghan on 03/21/2008. The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 15 is amended to depend upon claim 1. Specifically, claim 15 now reads "The MR-TOF MS as defined in claim 1, wherein said lens assembly includes at least two lenses elongated transversely to said ion path." This amendment is made to correct a minor informality due to claim 15 depending upon cancelled claim 2, which was incorporated into claim 1. The amendment does not affect the allowability or reasons therefor.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MICHAEL MASKELL whose telephone number is (571)270-3210. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8AM-5PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Kim can be reached on 571/272-2293. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Michael Maskell/ Examiner, Art Unit 2881 26 March 2008

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